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1. On 29 September and 2 October 1953, 75 KVP personnel training on 3 x 85-mm AA guns at Oranienburg Castle. On 15 October, Colonel Hermann Lewerenz left the unit for four weeks on 10 October.

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2. On 15 October, at the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp the infantry unit quartered at the installation had been reduced from 450 to 300 men in connection with cases of poor discipline. During the same time, only 13 new men arrived. Conditions were allegedly similar with the tank and signal units stationed at the former concentration camp. In October, a tank unit from Torgelow was expected to arrive.

3. On 24 October, of the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp quartered KVP units of various arms of service. Five 37-mm AA guns were seen in front of Installation No 111. On every day between 18 and 27 October, two T-34 tanks proceeded through the installation toward the training area behind the ammunition depot. Individual civilians carrying baggage daily arrived at the camp.

4. From 22 September through 2 November, the eastern portion of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp quartered an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 KVP personnel. On 26 September, T-34 tanks which had been detained at Oranienburg freight station, arrive at the installation. On 22 October, 50 to 60 trucks parked in the billeting area.

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 . Soldiers seen at the installation wore red-bordered black, blue-bordered black, yellow-bordered black, crimson-bordered black and black-bordered blue collar patches.

1. Comment. In spite of rumors to the contrary, Oranienburg Castle still houses the AAA officer school whose commandant is Colonel Lewerenz.

2. Comment. In October 1953, a tank regiment was formed at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp from elements of Bereitschaft Prenzlau, deactivated Bereitschaft Prora and the tank regiment in Burg. The 1st Mech Kommando of Bereitschaft Potsdam

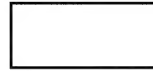
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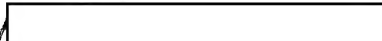
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